

## Message Text

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R 200600Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3514

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USCINCEUR//ECJ4/7-SAME//

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3407

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: AIRBORNE TOW FOR KUWAIT

REF: A: KUWAIT 1135 DTG 111256Z MAR 75

B. STATE 94175 DTG 232334Z APR 75

C. KUWAIT 1939 DTG 070605Z MAY 75

1. ON AUG 7 MINDEF SHAIKH SAAD AGAIN RAISED SUBJECT WITH COL COX AND ME OF AIRBORNE TOW FOR KUWAIT, USING FRENCH GAZELLE HELICOPTER. IN REPLY WE REINTERATED THAT WHILE TOW FOR GAZELLE HELICOPTER MIGHT BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE, WE COULD NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND THIS COMBINATION. MINDEF MADE CLEAR HE NEVERTHELESS INTENDED CONTINUE PRESS FOR TOW ON GAZELLE, ALTHOUGH HE ALSO INTIMATED HE COULD BE CONVINCED ACQUIRE AH-1J HELICOPTER FOR TOW AT SOME LATER TIME.

2. PER REF B, WE TOLD HUGHES REP RECENTLY HERE IN KUWAIT THAT THERE NO OBJECTION HIS DISCUSSING TOW/GAZELLE IN GENERAL TERMS WITH GOK. HUGHS REP HAS INFORMED US HE WILL DO SO IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO AUG 7 MEETING WITH MINDEF, WE RECEIVED LETTER FROM UNDERSEC OF DEFENSE REQUESTING STATUS OF REQUEST. GOK INTEREST THIS SUBJECT CLEARLY VERY HIGH.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS POLICY ISSUE

ON RELEASEABILITY TO KUWAIT (REF B) IS DECIDED.  
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